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Dear [redacted]

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Here is your effort marked up without gloves. Most of the comments are self explanatory.

In general, I concluded on a second reading that much of the impression of vagueness and a good deal of the "academic" flavor of the paper could be removed by a determined effort to tighten up the phrasing throughout. I have suggested numerous samples. There are too many qualifying adjectives (e.g. "generally", "for the most part", "we may accept the provisional hypothesis that"). An almost military style will both shorten the paper and reduce its academic flavor.

I would try to find other ways of referring to "the formulation of American Policy" where you can. It is important to avoid the charge that you think you are setting up a tiny State Department or even a duplicate policy planning staff.

One final suggestion. Busy people are more likely to read the beginning of a paper than the end. It is most important that they read paragraphs 34 through 41. Could this be inserted before instead of after paragraphs 13 to 33?

For all this, I think it's a very good job.

Sincerely yours,

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